

MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION HAS ITS REGULAR ANNUAL BANQUET

Members Enjoy A Good Dinner At The Brown-Proctoria Tuesday Night And Listen To Many Interesting Talks.

The Merchants' Protective Association met Wednesday evening at 8:30 at the Brown-Proctoria Hotel in the first annual banquet. About forty of the leading business men of the city sat down to the dinner so bountifully prepared by manager Moss. The dinner was a good one and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The oyster soup was placed on the table about 8:45 and the guests departed about 11.

After the dinner a number of speeches were engaged by the guests. Mr. James H. Martin made an admirable toastmaster and kept the ball rolling. He welcomed the members and spoke shortly of the work of the association and prophesied additional good returns if the ideas of the organization were lived up to.

Retiring President.

Mr. James S. Winn responded to "Our Past Year." He told of the good work the body had done by aiding in the weeding out of bad debtors and urged a more cordial co-operation among the merchants.

The New President.

Mr. W. S. Duty spoke on "Outline of Work for the New Year." He said it was pretty hard to outline work for a body in which the constitution provided for only one meeting a year. He depreciated the tendency among the merchants not to report bad customers and urged all to observe the rules and send out their bills once each thirty days. He said that the only way to keep at it and make the system a success was by sending out the bills regularly.

Mr. Allan Speaks.

Mr. J. Harry Allan made an interesting address on "Unity as a Means of Success." He spoke of the discord and jealousies that many times exist among merchants. Each is afraid that the other will get ahead of him in business. He told of going into a town which he well knew and finding everything dead. On inquiring the reason he found that the merchants were not pulling together. The only way to accomplish anything was to be united in purposes and aims.

A Good Thing.

Mr. Edwin T. Smith made an interesting address on "What it Means to a Merchant to be a Member of the Merchants' Protective Association." Mr. Smith spoke of the mutual protection it afforded and of the incentive to development of business. He believed that as time went on, its value would be appreciated more and more.

A New Firm.

Mr. Norval T. Benton spoke on "What the Merchants' Protective Association Means to a New Firm." He said that an old established business usually got on to good and bad accounts. The new man going into business or into a new firm, needed some such guide in making accounts and in knowing who was entitled to credit and who was not.

Value of 30 Day System.

Mr. M. D. Royse was heard on "The Value of the Thirty Day System." Mr. Royse's remarks were brief and to the point. He said that the merchant could not pay unless he was paid. That anything that would protect him from bad debts was a good thing.

Humerous Speech.

Mr. William Scobee read the only business production of the evening. He took a fall out of all the other speakers and made some effective hits.

Mr. Matlack Speaks.

Mr. David T. Matlack in response to "Winchester, Five Years Ago, Today, and Five Years Hence," said that this was his effort; that all knew as much about this city in the past as he did, that we had seen a new depot and a decent street car running in the last five years; that in the future, we would see Winchester grow into a large city. Mr. Matlack told several good stories.

Publicity.

Mr. W. A. Beatty responded to "The Value of Publicity to the Merchants" and showed that the way to

secure it was by systematic and persistent advertising in the newspapers. The toastmaster called on Mr. John Garner for a few remarks to which Mr. Garner very gratefully responded.

BURLEY DISTRICT BOARD MEETS HERE THURSDAY

Erroneous Report Concerning Re-grading of Tobacco is Corrected.

The District Board of the Burley Tobacco Society convened here Thursday afternoon and will continue in session until the last of the week. The members of the Board all say that as far as is known now the only important matter aside from the routine work that will come before the meeting will be the fixing of the pledge and making other preliminary arrangements for conducting the pool for the present year. The Executive Committee adjourned at noon and most of the members remained here and will attend the meeting of the District Board.

A report has gained circulation through some of the daily papers that all of the 1906-7 crops that was recently sold to the American Tobacco Company and the independent buyers, would have to be regraded on account of it not coming up to grade and price but this is not correct, the members of the board say. The 1906 crop was sold at graded prices ranging from 18 to 28 cents and in a few cases it was found that it did not come up to type and condition as it was graded and in each instance it has been sent back and regarded and the price adjusted to suit the purchaser. The 1907 crop was sold at 17 cents per pound straight and was only guaranteed as to condition and there is no reason for any of that being rejected on account of not coming up to type. The only objection that could be found to it would be with the condition, and so far there has been very little or any objections to it and it is not probable there will be now, as practically all of it has been disposed of.

LEXINGTON WONDERS WIN IN BROOM BALL GAME

Carry Off Honor of Game By Small Score at Auditorium Last Night.

Victory perched itself on the banner of the Lexington Wonders in the broom ball game at the Auditorium Wednesday night. The score being 1 to 0 in their favor. The next game will be with the Winchester Juniors and the Dixie Boys Thursday night.

GETS CONTRACT FOR LIGHTING NEW CHURCH

T. S. Bush who has just completed, furnishing the handsome new resident of Dr. B. F. Johnson on S. Main street was awarded the contract for furnishing the new Christian church with gas and electric fixtures, manufactured by The Tungstolier Company of Cleveland, Ohio. Tungstoliers will be installed in the Auditorium.

STILWELL HOTEL BURNED AT LONDON

Special to The News.

LONDON, KY., Jan. 28. 10:30 a. m.—Fire which originated in the Stilwell Hotel at about 8:30 o'clock this morning came near destroying the whole town. Besides the hotel building, the Methodist church and several dwellings were destroyed. The origin is unknown. Loss estimated at about twenty-five or thirty thousand dollars.

BURLEY Society of Equity

Under Investigation by the Government

For Shortage in Net Weight of Tobacco.

Recently Sold to Independent Manufacturers.

Revenue Agents Here and Others Follow—Many Hoghead Found Short of Amount Purchased

The above startling headlines appear in the Cincinnati Enquirer today: The Enquirer says:

"Sensational revelations in the affairs of the Burley Tobacco Society or tobacco planters' combine were disclosed yesterday after investigations by Government officials which have been going on in this city for the last few days.

The officials referred to are Major Hancock and Mr. Goebel, of Washington, D. C., special agents of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and, so far as their investigations have gone, extensive errors, bearing every evidence of fraud in the matter of net weights of hogheads of tobacco sold by the Burley Society or its agents to independent manufacturers, have been revealed.

The matter of the shortages in weights and the astounding revelations of the Government officials was the sole topic of conversation in local tobacco circles yesterday, and the prediction was freely made that the Revenue Department at Washington will send on additional officials in the next 48 hours, and these will place every Burley Society warehouse or storage barn in the entire burley district under lock and seal until a complete and sweeping investigation is made.

The grievance of the independent manufacturers, however, and the one which has brought the present sensational investigation of the Government is over the matter of "tares," or the correct weight of the hogheads in which their purchases were packed. At very few points where the Burley Society pooled tobaccos were held, and are still held in storage awaiting deliveries, has the society been equipped with the necessary apparatus and fixtures for sampling, grading or weighing, and some extensive borrowing of such apparatus was tried here and at Louisville by the Burley people during the tobacco war, but with very little success, as none of the warehouses in either city had any of the apparatus to spare.

The most charitable construction that can be placed on the Burley Society's weighing and sampling, 13 examples of which from Franklin, Woodford and Harrison counties, Kentucky, are given below, is that instead of following the usual custom of the trade, in securing "actual" gross tare and net weights the Burley Society people took the gross weight, only knocked out one or two staves of the hoghead to get the sample instead of extracting it from three different sections of the package, as required under sections of the package, as required under the inspection rules of the trade, replaced the staves, and then made a guess at the "tare" with a very liberal and generous allowance for error in their own behalf.

Actual tares of tobacco hogheads vary from about 140 to 200 pounds, this variation being due to the fact that some of the hogheads are made of poplar and others of oak or other hard woods.

Recently a very prominent local and independent manufacturer got wise to the fact there was serious discrepancies in the Burley Society's and his own net weights of his portion of the tobacco sold by the Burley Society to the independents. The firm took 13 hogheads of its purchase out of the B. & O. storage warehouse in this city, and in the presence of disinterested witnesses, done a little weighing of its own in

MINERS DEMAND TRIAL BY JURY

Subject of Injunctions Thoroughly Discussed—Labor Party Opposed.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 28.—Beginning with dissension between the two factions into which the 1,400 delegates are divided, the session of the United Mine Workers' convention closed with concordant action upon numerous resolutions, the most important of which recommended modifications in court procedure in regard to the injunction. It was the sense of the convention, as expressed in the resolution and in the speeches that accompanied its adoption, that a restraining order should not be issued on application of an employer unless the employees against whom the order was directed had first been notified of the action and given a chance to appear in court; that in the case of a contempt proceeding growing out of alleged violation of such an injunction the hearing should be before another judge than the one that issued the writ, and that the trial should be by jury.

Frank Farrington of Illinois, a supporter of John H. Walker, rival of Thomas L. Lewis for the presidency, precipitated trouble by asking if organizers present at the convention were "paid out of the national treasury or by the local unions whom they were supposed to represent. President Lewis declared Farrington to be out of order. Pandemonium reigned for a time, Farrington finally taking his seat after President Lewis had made the statement that the disturbing member would probably have to answer some serious charges before he would have opportunity to press his demand.

There was long discussion over resolutions purposing to commit the organization to a political party. In this instance it was proposed that the convention should approve the institution of an independent labor party. Several delegates, among them Congressman W. B. Wilson, stated that in their opinion this country was not ready for a separate labor party such as exists in England and on the continent. The Socialists opposed the resolution because it ignored the existence of their party. The resolution was defeated by a large majority. Another resolution declaring for public ownership of the means of production of wealth was adopted unanimously. A resolution that operators of mines should be held responsible in state courts for loss sustained by miners' families resulting from fatalities in mine explosions, was referred to the national board of the organization, to be submitted to state organizations. A resolution recommending old age pensions was killed.

JURY DISCHARGED.

Special to The News.

UNION CITY, Tenn., Jan. 28.—The jury in the case of Ed. Marshall, night rider trial, disagreed and were discharged.

EXCUSES LEIGH FROM SERVICE.

Special to The News.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 28.—In the Cooper trial the court ruled a drunkenness charge against juror controverted, but excused Leigh from service on account of prejudice.

Juror Jackson was also dismissed on account of drunkenness and only seven remain in the box.

detail, as to gross, tare and net weights.

Disclosures Were Astounding.

Here is the result, and this result and information when sent on to Washington was the cause of Major Hancock and Mr. Goebel being sent here to inaugurate the wide and sweeping investigation that is to follow throughout the active burley tobacco section.

On the 13 hogheads of the Cincinnati manufacturer his loss in net weight as shown in the summary is 555 pounds, which cost him \$114, an average loss of 42 pounds, worth \$8.77 per hoghead.

What the final effect of the Government investigation may be is problematical. Fears are entertained in the trade that the action of the Government may be so drastic as to cause serious loss to the individual members of the Burley Society, enormous losses to the society as a whole, and that some people may have to face prison doors for false state-

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WINCHESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT TO GET NEW HOSE WAGON

Chief A. R. Baldwin and MR. W. P. Hackett Report Favorably On "Webb Motor Hose Wagon."

It is now practically assured that the Winchester Fire Department will get a new hose wagon. Mr. W. P. Hackett returned from Vincennes, Ind., Wednesday night where he and Chief A. R. Baldwin have been investigating the "Webb Motor Hose Wagon." Mr. Hackett was favorably impressed with the Webb car and thinks it is the only thing that will meet the requirements of a city that is growing like Winchester. When seen this morning, Mr. Hackett stated that as far as he was concerned, the matter was closed but the Council will have to pass on it at their next meeting night and as far as can be learned the Councilmen will sanction whatever the committee appointed recommends.

The car that will be purchased is a Webb Motor with a forty horse-power engine and will carry a forty-four gallon chemical tank with hose; 1,000 feet fire hose; two 24 foot ladders; axes, ladders, etc. Mr. Hackett also stated that the hills are not very steep but that while he was there they went out in the country to test it and that it pulled them with ease and went through sixteen miles of mud without using a chain over the tires. When the machine arrives Winchester will be the first city in the State to own a motor hose wagon.

INTERESTING LECTURES AT KENTUCKY WESLEYAN

Rev. Thomas Hamby to Speak in Chapel February Second and Third.

Two very interesting lectures will shortly be delivered at Kentucky Wesleyan College by Dr. Thomas Hamby. His subjects will be "700 Miles by Snow Shoe and Dog Train" and "The Beast that Carries the Prophet." The lectures will be given February 2 and 3. The Pendletonian, of Falmouth, Ky., has this to say of Dr. Hamby's lecture "700 Miles by Snow Shoe and Dog Train."

"Mr. Hamby was sent out by a newspaper to investigate certain grievances effecting the government's relation with the Indians and half breeds of the far North, amid regions of snow and ice, and his lecture told of his thrilling and adventurous trip. Rev. Hamby is a man of wide vocabulary and holds his audience under the spell of his plain but interesting manner of delivery. The lecturer is a gentleman of extensive travel, ripe scholarship and diversified experience as a newspaper man, lecturer, preacher, and explorer. He has traveled all over the United States and Canada, and has acquired a fund of information and knowledge that makes him an intensely interesting personality.

His lecture was a brilliant and thrilling narrative of his travels through the Hudson's Bay Region" and was listened to with genuine appreciation and interest."

"WINDY BILL" THOMPSON GUEST OF R. D. HUNTER.

Is Here to Attend Session of the Burley Board of Control.

Hon. "Windy Bill" Thompson is here the guest of Hon. R. D. Hunter. Hon. Bill is a member of the Legislature and will be a candidate for Doorkeeper of the next House, and later will be a candidate for the State Senate. The immediate cause of Mr. Thompson's presence here is a meeting of the Board of Control of which he is a member, representing Spencer county.

RAISE SALARY LIMIT

Ohio and Pennsylvania Baseball League Arranges Schedule.

Akron, O., Jan. 28.—By unanimous vote the salary limit of the Ohio and Pennsylvania baseball league, which was reduced from \$1,900 to \$1,300 at the Cleveland meeting Jan. 12, was raised to \$1,500, exclusive of manager, at the session of the league members held here. This was occasioned by the publicity given the limit. The club owners had decided to keep the matter secret, but it became known and much adverse comment followed.

A playing season of 126 games was decided on, 14 games less than last year. The season will open May 6, six days later than last year. The Youngstown Exhibition company of Youngstown, O., was granted a franchise.

Baby Emperor Has Smallpox. London, Jan. 28.—Cabling from Peking, the correspondent of the Times says that the infant Chinese emperor is suffering from confluent smallpox.

ROPES ARE SECURED FOR RICHMOND NEGRO

Found in Girl's Dormitory at Normal School and Finally Escapes.

RICHMOND, Ky., Jan. 28.—A negro invaded the girl's dormitory of the Normal School here last evening. While the occupants, numbering about two hundred, were eating supper, someone discovered a negro man in the rooms. The word was quickly passed and yells and screams resulted. Male students in the nearby buildings being attracted to the scene, immediately pulled down the window by which the negro had climbed in and locked the door.

Some stood guard while others went for ropes, and meantime some one phoned the police. Officer Powers arrived in the patrol wagon just as the students returned with the ropes. After some persuasion, the students allowed him to take charge of the prisoner, who proved to be Will Denham, for many years driver of the baggage wagon, for the local transfer company.

On the way to town when the wagon was nearing an alley way, the negro leaped from the wagon and was yet at large this morning. The officer could not give immediate chase being alone and having a high-spirited horse.

FUNERAL OF EDWARD RAMSEY CONDUCTED

Services By Rev. C. E. Crafton and Burial Under Auspices of F. and A. M.

The funeral services of Edward Ramsey who died Wednesday morning took place at the Cumberland Presbyterian church Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock and were conducted by Rev. C. E. Crafton. The burial took place in the Winchester Cemetery under the auspices of Winchester Lodge, No. 20, F. and A. M.

ANOTHER VICTIM OF THE FIRE

Mr. Reynolds, of College Hill, Dies as Result of Injuries Sustained.

Word was received here this morning that Mr. Reynolds, of the Burley Tobacco Society, died at his home near College Hill last night as a result of injuries received by jumping from the third floor of the Court View Hotel during the fire that destroyed the building about three weeks ago. This is the second loss of life caused by the burning of the Court View.

Special to The News.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 28.—No choice after the twenty-second ballot for Senator. Balloting to be resumed Tuesday.